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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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1. (Previously presented) A tamper evident closure for containers, wherein the closure comprises a spout with a twist away element and a removable cap, wherein the cap comprises a wrench or a socket, such that the cap can be used as a tool for twisting away said twist away element and thereby creating an opening in the spout, wherein the closure comprises a centering-aid, which centers the cap while it is moved, with the wrench or socket first, towards and onto the spout, characterized in that the centering-aid comprises a first guiding surface on the spout and a second guiding surface on an inner surface of the cap and inwardly extending into the cap such that the wrench or socket is an inward continuation of the second guiding surface, wherein the first guiding surface rotatably mates with the second guiding surface, once the cap is pushed completely with the wrench or socket first onto the spout.

- 2. (Currently amended) The closure according to claim 1, characterized in that the <u>wrench or</u> socket is, while the closure is closed by the cap, on a side of the cap opposite to the container, such that the cap is to be inverted when being used as a tool for twisting away said twist away element.
- 3. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 1 wherein the first guiding surface and the second guiding surface are substantially conic.
- 4. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 1 wherein the first guiding surface is formed on an outer surface of the spout between a rim at a distal end of the spout and the container.
- 5. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim I wherein the twist away element has the form of a pin or a star.
- 6. (Currently amended) The closure according to claim 1 wherein the <u>wrench or</u> socket matches at least at some points the form of the twist away element, such that transmission of a torque is possible.

7. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 1 wherein the spout comprises a first thread and the cap comprises a second thread, wherein the first thread and the second thread are designed to match each other, and the first thread is an outside thread and the second thread is an inside thread.

- 8. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 1 wherein the cap and the spout comprise snap on means.
- 9. (Currently amended) The closure according to claim 1 wherein the outer diameter of the cap is substantially larger than the diameter of the spout and the <u>wrench or</u> socket, wherein the cap has a circular recess around the socket.
- 10. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 1 wherein the container comprises a first rim and the cap comprises a second rim, which are designed such that the first rim mates with the second rim, when the cap is on the container such that the opening of the spout is sealed when the cap is held on the container.
- 11. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 1 wherein the spout is designed as a cannula.
- 12. (Currently amended) The closure according to claim 1 wherein it comprises comprising a predetermined breaking line between the spout and the twist away element, which predetermined breaking line is arranged substantially inside the spout or countersunk in respect to a rim at the distal end of the spout.
  - 13. (Previously presented) A container comprising a closure according to claim 1.
- 14. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 2, wherein a symmetry axis of the socket coincides with a symmetry axis of the cap.
- 15. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 1, wherein the first guiding surface and the second guiding surface are substantially spherical.

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16. (Currently amended) The closure according to claim 1, wherein the second guiding surface is formed on an inner surface of the cap such that the <u>wrench or</u> socket is an inward continuation of said second guiding surface.

17. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 1, wherein the twist away element has a multi-fold symmetry.

18. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 17, wherein the twist away element has a three-fold, four-fold, five-fold, six-fold, seven-fold or eight-fold symmetry.

19. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 8, wherein the snap on means comprise rims disposed on one or more of the cap and the spout.

20. (Previously presented) The closure according to claim 8, wherein the snap on means comprise noses disposed on one or more of the cap and the spout.

21. (Currently amended) The closure of claim  $\frac{16}{9}$ , wherein the circular recess is open toward the same side as the <u>wrench or</u> socket.

22. (Previously presented) A tube comprising the closure of claim 1.